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# 'BIGGEST NAVY' BORNE OUT BY BUILDING PLAN

Superdreadnoughts of  
379,600 Tons Are Under  
Construction.

## SUBMARINES TO ECLIPSE WORLD'S

Floating Hangar for Air  
Fleet Nearly Ready  
For Launching.

The United States navy in 1923 will be the most powerful in the world if England adheres to the recent pronouncement to build no capital ships for the next three years," said Joseph Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, last week.

Figures obtained from the Navy Department yesterday show the building now under way, under contract and authorized upon which this statement is based.

There are under construction in the navy yards of the country and in private shipbuilding plants 379,600 tons in superdreadnoughts, all of them surpassing any fighting craft ever designed with the lessons learned from foreign navies and the war embodied.

In addition three fleet submarines, the most advanced and undersea boats ever of the ways and contracts for six more are under consideration.

Converting Naval Collier.  
And finally the work of converting the former Collier Jupiter into an aircraft carrier is all but completed and this piece of navy property will be ready to serve as an aviation base for the United States navy in any quarter of the globe.

On this program, which Secretary Daniels calls rounding out the present fleet and which he says will be insufficient unless the United States government will expend more than \$200,000,000.

The advance guard of this latest contribution to the navy is the Pennsylvania class of battleships. The Pennsylvania was the first unit and the California is all but in commission on the West coast. Four more vessels of this class remain to be built. They are the Maryland, West Virginia, Colorado and Washington. The latter two are being constructed by the New York Shipbuilding Corporation.

Work Done During War.  
A certain amount of work was done on these vessels, with a normal displacement of 32,000 tons each, during the war, and they all should be launched before the end of 1921. Their cost to the government is \$11,500,000 apiece.

The very latest lower of the Navy is in the six battleships which were authorized by Congress in 1916 and which were originally their cost was fixed at \$15,000,000, but Congress afterward increased this to \$21,000,000 each and included provisions for the construction of these vessels "floating fortresses" indeed. These six vessels are to be known as the South Dakota, Indiana, Montana, North Carolina, Iowa and Massachusetts. Only the latter two are being built in private shipyards.

Size and Armament.  
Some idea of their size and armament may be gained from the following table:

Length over all.....feet.....	654
Breadth at widest part.....feet.....	101
Mean draft.....feet.....	33
Displacement.....tons.....	32,000
Speed.....knots.....	23

Armament:  
Twelve 16-inch guns in four turrets in the bow and stern, with a single 5-inch gun mounted on deck forward of the mainmast.

Three periscopes of the latest improved pattern will form a part of the equipment and each vessel will be provided with the latest type of radio telegraph outfit, both for surface and submerged work, also with listening devices.

The old Jupiter, soon to be the Langley, will have a superstructure rising above the main deck some twenty feet containing a landing stage for aircraft, also a crane and 65 feet wide midships. Catapults for launching airplanes and a long runway for them to come down on will be included. The main deck will be hinged so that the smoke can be discharged directly onto the surface of the water.

Argentine Ship to Meet Colby.  
BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 25.—The Argentine government has sent a battleship to Montevideo to receive Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby, it was announced today.

The American battleship Florida will not be able to enter the port because of lack of sufficient depth.

# Burglars Cause \$75,000 Blaze in Blowing a Safe

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Interprising burglars cut holes through two solid brick walls in order to blow a safe at 46 East Fourteenth street today, and in dynamiting the strong box started a \$75,000 fire.

After jimmying the door at 44 East Fourteenth street the burglars proceeded to cut through two walls to reach the safe of Atkins and Hartman. They escaped with loot amounting to several thousand dollars in cash and Liberty bonds, and several thousand dollars worth of jewelry.

The fire was not discovered for some hours after the burglars had escaped. Smoke curling out of the upper windows of the building attracted passersby. In fighting the fire the firemen discovered a kit of burglars' tools which had been abandoned.

# CLARA S. HAMON PLEA NOT GUILTY; RELEASED ON BOND

Alleged Slayer of Oklahoma  
Politician Returns,  
Bail Set at \$12,000.

ARDMORE, Okla., Dec. 25.—Clara Smith Hamon pleaded not guilty to a charge of slaying Jake L. Hamon, millionaire and Republican National Committeeman, when arraigned here today. She waived preliminary hearing and was released on bond of \$12,000. After her home was left Ardmore to her sister at Wilson, Okla.

Only a small crowd was at the depot when the train from Fort Worth arrived at 12:30 p. m. with Clara Hamon. She was escorted by Sheriff Garrett and her brother and sister. At the courthouse she was conducted to the sheriff's office. Justice Hal Cannon, in whose court the charge of murder had been filed, opened the preliminary hearing. The girl pleaded not guilty and waived examination. District Judge Champion took charge of the case and fixed bond at \$12,000. When bond had been signed the girl was released to the custody of her sister.

W. P. McLeary, the attorney who met Mrs. Hamon at El Paso and accompanied her to Fort Worth, did not come to Ardmore. She was represented here by C. A. Coakley.

# Tumulty Wants Federal Probe in Cousin's Death

Federal investigation of the death of John F. McGinness, prohibition enforcement officer, whose body was found Friday on the waterfront at Bayonne, N. J., was promised last night by Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary of the Democratic National Committee, in a letter to the police authorities of Jersey City and Bayonne and to Perry Garvin, prosecutor of the county, New York.

Tumulty said he had asked Attorney General Palmer to send special men to investigate the death.

McGinness was found lying in a cramped position with a bullet wound in the right side of his head. He held a revolver. It is reported from which one bullet had been discharged.

Although police authorities were unable to determine whether the officer had been killed in a fight with bootleggers on the waterfront or whether he had taken his own life, Tumulty scouted the idea of suicide. He said he was positive McGinness was killed in line of duty.

"The factors of his home life," Tumulty's telegram stated, "negate any other idea."

McGinness lived in Jersey City with his wife, formerly Elizabeth Tumulty, and his three children. He was 38 years old.

# FIRE DESTROYS OLD HYATTSVILLE HOUSE

HYATTSVILLE, Md., Dec. 25.—The two story frame dwelling on Arundel avenue owned by Rexford Smith, of Washington, an old landmark, was destroyed by fire tonight. The loss is estimated at \$2,000, partially insured. The origin is undetermined and so far as can be learned no one was in the house at the time the fire started.

The dwelling was furnished throughout and was the summer home of Mrs. Smith, mother of the owner. The furniture is a total loss. The house was built about 1850 by Charles D. Calver, who served in Congress for several terms prior to and during the civil war.

# Guatemalan Finances Reported as Stronger

The financial position of Guatemala is growing steadily stronger, according to a statement yesterday by Julio Bianchi, minister from that republic.

The total income of the Guatemalan government for the month of September last was fifty per cent greater than for the corresponding month of 1919, the statement continued. Import and export duties increased 3,002,684 pesos, liquor duties increased 2,775,452 pesos and miscellaneous income 280,297 pesos, a total increase of 5,158,433 pesos.

Bianchi also announced that the Guatemalan government has recently adopted the policy of giving full publicity to the financial operations of the government. It is issuing a monthly budget showing income and expenditures.

# PACT PROPOSED TO CHECK JAPS IN PACIFIC ZONE

Senate Leaders Discuss  
U. S., Canadian and  
Anzac Alliance.

## DOMINION'S STAND MEETS APPROVAL

Fear of Oriental Power  
Common to White Races  
In Its Path.

Co-operation between the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand on an oriental foreign policy to express the determination of those peoples to check Japanese aggression in the Pacific is contemplated by Republican leaders of the Senate, for submission to President-elect Harding.

Negotiations are held to have proceeded to the point where members of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations have received informal overtures from responsible spokesmen of the British dominions. No difficulty is anticipated in reaching at least an informal agreement as to the immigration question. It is said that through conversations which have taken place from the London Foreign Office, through the British Embassy here, has been apprised of the whole matter.

Lodge's Address.  
The first public reference to such an understanding was made by Senator Henry Cabot Lodge in his address before the Union League in Philadelphia. His statements attracted wide attention in Washington. They led to a discussion in the Senate, among leaders who are sure to be influential in the party councils of the new administration.

It is likely that any understanding reached by the Republican administration with Australia, Canada and New Zealand relative to immigration questions would be made through the agencies of the British Embassy. There is no suggestion of the British dominions and America expecting to act through the league of nations.

Expansion in Pacific.  
There is a strong sentiment in the Senate cloakrooms to the effect that such an understanding with the British dominions in the Pacific, especially in relation to her control of the former German insular possessions.

The island of Yap, which played such a prominent role in the discussions here of the International Communications Conference, enters into the whole matter, and it is suggested that pressure from the dominions caused Great Britain to maintain an attitude toward America's demands, that otherwise might not have followed from her close alliance with Japan.

Antagonism Shown.  
The outspoken antagonism toward Japanese policies, given expression in the Senate discussions over the Shantung award, is causing no little speculation among diplomats as to the course to be followed by the Republicans when they take over direction of foreign affairs. It is suggested that President-elect Harding spoke the sentiments of the Republicans in the Senate when he declared at Norfolk, Va., that America would have a mighty navy, unless other nations quit building battleships and submarines and destroyers.

One of the purposes of the Borah resolution proposing an agreement with the British dominions, Great Britain and Japan for a five-year curtailment of naval construction was to "smoke out" the Japanese, who, it is felt, will not, on a show-down, agree to a reduction of armaments.

# CLOSE PARK AT 12 M. TO FOIL ROBBERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Only the birds and the inmates of the zoo may enjoy Central Park after midnight henceforth.

The police department today issued an order that all persons and vehicles must be out of the city's rural spot by 12 p. m. or otherwise supply a satisfactory explanation to the contrary.

At 11 p. m. one will be given notice to vacate and at midnight it will be a curfew "outside."

The order is the result of recent holdups of taxicabs in the park. The most noteworthy of which was the case in which even a woman's stockings were searched for valuables.

# Lilac Water and Cushions Among Senators' Luxuries

Secretary's Report Shows Nation Pays For  
Auto Repairs and Headache Cures,  
Gasoline and Gloves.

Inquisitive persons who like to read financial statements by official disbursing officers are having their annual feast. The report of the Secretary of the Senate for the fiscal year has just been printed. It is a document of some 400 pages of age-typed reports of expenditures running from the salaries of Senators to lilac water for the Senate barber shop, from expensive mineral waters to headache cures; from gas for the Vice President's car to pay of clerks who folded some 12,000,000 copies of Senate speeches; from black gloves worn at official funerals to birth announcements printed by the stationery room.

George A. Sanderson, secretary of the Senate, has the thankless job of accounting for every expenditure charged to the contingent fund. He has done his work in a very thorough manner. He has listed thousands of items and accounted for every penny entrusted to his keeping. He has looked into where the money went, without commenting on how or why it took any particular route.

There are many items in the Senate expenditures that might appear to persons paying income taxes as suggesting ways for the Senate to save money by improved methods. Not the least of these is the statement of payment made to the commercial shorthand reporters who were in the National Capitol over the tendency of the Senate to inquire into all manner of public affairs. Their work was valued at \$143,000, 137 gallons and 69 gallons. (Public Ledger Service.)

# JAPAN PROTESTS RED CONCESSIONS TO W.D. VANDERLIP

Statement of Situation  
Along Siberian Coast Is  
Made to State Dept.

The first move in Japanese opposition to the concessions obtained from the Soviet government by Washington D. Vanderlip for the development of territory in Kamchatka is underway.

A statement of the situation along the Siberian coast, where Japan claims prior rights due to a series of treaties negotiated with Russia, has been lodged with the United States government.

Action of this sort has been anticipated in Washington as the Kamchatka concession obtained by American capitalists is right on the threshold of what Japan has come to consider its sphere of influence in Siberia.

Have Plan in Development.  
Japan itself virtually is connected with the Kamchatka Peninsula by the Kuril Islands and there has been a steady trend of expansion in that direction. Fisheries, at the present time, constitute the major portion of the development, but the Japanese have looked toward the territory as an encroachment of foreign capital and although they have not taken time to bring out the resources realize fully the untold wealth that is hidden in Kamchatka.

The position now taken by the Japanese government is that rights that it obtained under the Portsmouth treaty of peace with Russia through extension in 1918 are still in force and that any entry by American capitalists would be an invasion of these guarantees. The rights which Japan obtained then, its fishermen contend have been extended and developed by various treaties so that any concessions that might be granted by the Moscow government would be considered as jeopardizing Japan's economic interests.

The beginning of Japanese encroachment in this territory was a

# THE NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

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# CLAIMSON FOE PROPERTY HERE PUZZLE NATION

Business Debts of Billion  
Offset by \$500,000,000  
Seized in War.

## USE AS FARM TRADE CREDIT PROPOSED

Traditions of U. S. Forbid  
Lack of Reparations  
To Owners.

By FREDERICK WILLIAM WILE.  
Allied suggestions at this week's reparations conference with the Germans at Brussels that the United States should use sequestered German property as the basis for a credit-loan to Germany leave out of account American claims against Germany and German citizens. Those demands, on file with the State Department for many months, aggregate roughly \$1,000,000,000. They are almost double the amount of German property now held by the Allen Property Custodian, who estimates the value of his trust at \$500,000,000.

There is excellent ground for believing that President Wilson is unalterably opposed to any disposal of the German property except its return, under proper conditions, to the original owners. The American Farm Bureau Federation's scheme for a \$1,000,000,000 advance to Germany has been under review, informally, at the White House for some time.

# TARIFF PARLEYS TO BEGIN JAN. 6, REVENUE TRAILS

House Leaders to Get One  
Bill Out of Way Before  
Working on Other.

With the discontinuance of hearings on the proposed revision of the revenue laws, the House Ways and Means Committee will begin first consideration of the new Republican tariff law on January 6. The present program of House leaders contemplated drafting what will be the Fordney-Penrose tariff act before undertaking to frame a new revenue law.

The development of the House program for these measures is resulting in virtually simultaneous consideration of the proposed revenue and tariff laws. The Ways and Means Committee in hearings held up to the adjournment of the House has been obtaining testimony from the various departments of the government. The Treasury nor the Department of Justice is able to shed any light or offer any solution. No one is more anxious than Francis P. Garvan, the property custodian, to have the Gordian knot untangled. When he asks the solicitor of the State Department, Fred K. Nielson, for light and leading, that official throws up his hands and declares that the United States government itself, neither the State Department, the Treasury nor the Department of Justice is able to shed any light or offer any solution. No one is more anxious than Francis P. Garvan, the property custodian, to have the Gordian knot untangled. When he asks the solicitor of the State Department, Fred K. Nielson, for light and leading, that official throws up his hands and declares that the United States government itself, neither the State Department, the Treasury nor the Department of Justice is able to shed any light or offer any solution.

Traditions Cited.  
American tradition, dating back to the Revolution, as well as international law on the subject laid down in the Hague conventions, all is against forcible retention of German private property sequestered here. We have always maintained the inviolability of such property in war-time, from the earliest hours of the Republic. Several of the original Thirteen Colonies seized property belonging to loyalist British subjects. In those cases in which it was not finally restored to the original owners, the first Federal Congress, at George Washington's instigation, voted indemnity funds to the dispossessionees.

Authorities now point to that classic precedent, which they say has had numerous successors, as evidence that the United States would not be bound to grant indemnity in confiscating the German property now sequestered.

The consensus of opinion in Washington is that Congress will order every cent of it returned, except shipping property and in cases where a defensible case for seizure can be established.

Some of the snags in the situation are due to the circumstances that many of the claims on file at the State Department date back to the days of our neutrality, such as claims for indemnities due to the torpedoing of the Lusitania. There has also to be decided the question which claims belong to the United States government and which against German individuals. Again, the reparations clause of the Versailles treaty may not apply to us at all. If we "scrap" the pact, President Harding's attorney-general will have to wrestle with those knotty questions.

A scheme meeting with favor in the present administration circles is the United States government to indemnify all American citizens with established claims. The United States then, by diplomatic action when concluding peace with Germany, might demand from her long-term treasury obligations in full cover. Some \$50,000,000 of the Allen Property Custodian's German trust already has been returned to American-born wives of German subjects, living or dead, like Baroness Speck von Sternburg, widow of a former German ambassador at Washington. The number of such beneficiaries turned out to be surprisingly large.

# Ten Thousand Die of Hunger Daily in China

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Ten thousand Chinese are dying daily in the famine-ridden districts of Northern China latest dispatches received today by R. D. Henkle, general secretary of the American Committee for the China Famine Fund, indicate.

Forty-five million Chinese are affected in a territory of 90,000 square miles the reports stated. Henkle said, in regard to the dispatches:

"The death rate will increase unless immediate and sustained help is sent. The present famine transcends in severity and scope the terrible famines of the past. The death toll already reached—ten thousand a day—means a line standing shoulder to shoulder three miles long. Our work is now going forward on a national scale. There must be a constant flow of relief if we are to avert a calamity unparalleled in history."

# D. C. ARCHITECTS TO COMPETE ON INAUGURAL PLANS

To Be Invited to Submit  
Drawings for Court of  
Honor and Public Stand.

Every architect in Washington, it was announced by the General Inaugural Committee last night, is to be invited to submit designs for a court of honor to be used for a reviewing stand for the President and guests on the south side of Pennsylvania avenue and a public stand on the north side. The court of honor is to extend from Fifteenth to Seventeenth street on Pennsylvania avenue and the public stand to extend from Jackson place to Madison place.

Snowden Ashford, District architect, has been appointed chairman of a subcommittee comprising the Washington Chapter of the American Institute of Architects to cooperate with the inaugural committee on this competition, and will notify the members of this chapter.

Subject to Conditions.  
The regulations declare that the President's stand shall be so constructed that it may be inclosed in glass in case of inclement weather. This stand is permitted to be a dominant part of the design.

Due consideration, according to the rules for the competition, also shall be given the subject for both day and night effect, and that the design should be capable of execution in inexpensive material. The stand in Lafayette Park should be designed to harmonize with the court of honor and must be economically constructed and decorated, as it is depended upon as a source of revenue.

To each architect signifying his intention of submitting a design the committee will furnish a blue print of the plans of the grounds and of the trees on each side of the avenue, which are not shown in the plat and which must be considered in constructing the stands.

Designs, properly sealed, should be submitted by competing architects on or before January 5 and the envelope shall contain no distinguishing mark, the architect's name to be placed inside a sealed envelope inside the drawings. No compensation for the designs will be awarded, but the successful architect will be reimbursed for the cost of drafting, materials and incidental expenses. He also will agree to supervise the preparation of plans and the erection of the work.

The proposed Mardis Gras of the States continues to attract increasing attention. North Dakotans in the design are planning to display in the inaugural parade and in the Mardis Gras. The secretary of the State Association, J. F. Miller, has called a special meeting of the society to discuss the plans. The designs required and other details will be furnished by Ashford.

Other States have planned similar action, and all are greatly interested in that it will furnish the big feature of the evening for the thousands of visitors.

The latest possible clew to the whereabouts of Small is a long-distance telephone message from New York stating the theatrical man has been seen at Eighty-fourth street in New York. The New Yorkers who telephoned the local police were informed there was a reward of \$50,000 for the discovery of Small and advised that if they obtained any definite information to get into touch immediately with Police Chief Dickson.

# Alleged Conspirator Spends Xmas in Jail

TORONTO, Dec. 25.—John Dougherty, charged with conspiring to kidnap Ambassador Small, long missing theatrical magnate, and also to steal \$100,000 worth of Victory bonds, belonging to Small, spent Christmas Day in jail. An application for bail to permit him to take Christmas dinner with his sisters and his two sons was rejected.

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# HARDING EATS TURKEY, MIND OFF LEAGUE

President-elect and Wife  
Swamped in Xmas  
Mail.

## REPORTERS ARE DINNER GUESTS

Festivities and Visits  
Round Out Day at  
Marion.

MARION, Ohio, Dec. 25.—President-elect and Mrs. Harding tried hard today to make this an old-fashioned Christmas, but they couldn't escape the fact that they are public characters. Both were up early this morning digging into the mass of packages, letters and telegrams that were piled up in the downstairs of the Mount Vernon avenue home all night.

Presented at once from every corner of the United States and the boxes and other remembrances were of the greatest variety, and as mysterious looking as any child receives.

The Hardings did little Christmas shopping this year.

Remember Their Friends.  
Their only attempt was to send remembrances to relatives and immediate friends, but a large number of cards were sent out. Neither the President-elect or Mrs. Harding had time after their return from Panama for much shopping.

The Christmas plans of the President-elect provided for a day of complete rest.

Savory odor of a turkey, approximately the size of an ostrich kept the Senator's mind from thoughts of his association of nations plan and the slowly forming Cabinet.

The only engagement the Senator had today was to entertain at a real turkey dinner this afternoon six newspaper correspondents who had come to Marion over the holidays. Many neighbors, however, made informal calls during the morning.

Visit Relatives in Evening.  
The Hardings had their evening meal with the Senator's sisters and father, Dr. George T. Harding. The President-elect has only a few minor conferences scheduled for the next few days, his idea being to celebrate the holidays and rest up until after the New Year.

Mrs. Harding will leave within the next ten days for a shopping visit to New York and Washington.

# Bar Russian Gold At U.S. Mint; May Have Been Stolen

Millions of dollars in Russian gold have been turned away from the United States Treasury, it was learned here yesterday, under a ruling by Secretary Houston which prohibited the receipt of the gold into American money for purchases in this country for the account of the Russian government.

The reason assigned by Secretary Houston is understood to have been that the gold might have been stolen and that the United States could not deal with persons who had obtained money in such a way.

An informal inquiry into Secretary Houston's action has been ordered by the steering committee of the Democratic members of the Senate, who believe that the adoption of such a policy by an administration official should not be permitted to go unnoticed.

The inquiry may also open up in Congress the entire question of the repatriation of trade between the United States and Russia.

# SHIP AFIRE RACES INTO IRISH PORT

QUEENSTOWN, Ireland, Dec. 25.—With thick smoke trailing her, the British steamer Navarino ended a race with fire today when she was beached at the harbor here.

City and harbor authorities joined in the effort to quench the blaze which threatened the shell of the vessel after doing serious damage to her cargo.

The vessel, raced over 200 miles with the blaze threatening to overwhelm her. Every man who could be spared from navigating the Navarino was set to work in a bucket line which appeared to have little effect on the fire.

The Navarino is a 5,100-ton vessel, owned by the Glasgow Ship Owners' Company, Limited.

# Scouts Territorials Use in Ireland

LONDON, Dec. 25.—Secretary of War Winston Churchill today emphatically denied the rumors of the possibility of sending a territorial army into Ireland.

"I cannot conceive of such a thing," said Mr. Churchill. "There has been no intention to use the territorial army to maintain civil order."

The war secretary is urging recruiting for the territorial army saying that more troops of this class are needed.

Balloon Search Abandoned.  
ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 25.—The air-plane search for the occupants of the missing U. S. Naval balloon which started from Rockaway Point two weeks ago has been officially abandoned. The machines have returned to New York. It was announced here tonight.

Cartwright's Widow Dead.  
KINGSTON, Ont., Dec. 25.—The death is announced of Lady Cartwright, at the age of 84 years. She was the widow of Sir Richard Cartwright, former minister of finance of Canada.